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THE CARNARVON DISPATCH.

The Governor-General's Secretary to Lieutenant Governor Trutch.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE, OTTAWA, 12th June, 1876.

SIR,—I am directed by the Governor-General to transmit to you, for the information of your Government, a copy of a Despatch which His Excellency has received from the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, having reference to a Memorial addressed to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, and to a Report of a Committee of the Privy Council of the Dominion in regard to the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway.

I have, &c.,
(Signed) E. G. P. LITTLETON.

The Earl of Carnarvon to the Earl of Dufferin.

DOWNING STREET, May 23rd, 1876.

MY LORD,—I have received your Despatch No. 75, of the 17th March, in which you enclose a Report of a Committee of your Privy Council, drawn up in reference to a Petition to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, having reference to the course proposed to be taken by the Canadian Government with regard to the construction of the Pacific Railway.

2. The Petition of the Legislative Council of British Columbia was forwarded, as you are aware, by the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province, who had also previously communicated to me the Minutes of the Executive Council, dated the 8th of December, 1875, and 4th of January, 1876, relating to the same subject.

3. I have learnt with sincere pleasure that, with the concurrence of your Ministers, you contemplate a progress through the Western portion of the Dominion, as apart from the advantages likely to arise from your becoming personally acquainted with British Columbia and its inhabitants, your intercourse with the principal persons of the Province, and the information you will be able to gather, will be very valuable in enabling me to appreciate the situation.

4. I should have been anxious to take the papers, to which I have referred, at once into consideration, and to offer my assistance, so far as it might have been effective, in the settlement of the question which has unfortunately been at issue between the two Governments; but it appears to me that the benefits likely to be derived from your visit will be so great, that I prefer to postpone my consideration of the papers till after that event.

5. It seems to me quite unnecessary for Her Majesty's Government to review the arguments advanced by the British Columbian Government in their Minute of Council of the 4th January, as to whether or no the Nanaimo Railway had ever been spoken of, or regarded, as an integral portion of the main line, or the results suggested as flowing from this proposition, inasmuch as the Dominion Government during the course of their recent negotiations volunteered to build it, as an independent undertaking, and on circumstances rendering the execution of the project impossible, proposed, as I understand, to ask Parliament to vote in substitution a money payment, a modification, the principle of which I think reasonable.

6. I am glad to perceive that your Ministers recognise the fact that the resolution of the House of Commons passed a few days after the Terms of Union had been ratified by the Dominion Legislature, could not be regarded as having the same force or significance as if it had formed an integral part of a treaty agreed to by both parties, though even apart from the weight claimed for the resolution itself, the condition asserted in it, namely that the aid to be granted to the construction of the Pacific Railway should not be such as to increase the existing rate of taxation, involves of course a principle, of which neither British Columbia nor any other part of the Dominion should lose sight.

7. I cannot but suppose that the complaints which have reached me from the Government of British Columbia have been founded upon a misapprehension, both with reference to the expression used in the Canadian Minute in Council of the 20th of September, in regard to the cash bonus of $750,000, which it was proposed to award to the Province, as well as to the intention of the Dominion Ministers. From the reports of the engineers which you have forwarded to me, I am led to believe that no exertions have been spared in the prosecution of the extremely difficult surveys which must necessarily precede the location of the line, and I cannot help entertaining every confidence that the Dominion authorities will continue to exercise effectual diligence in the prosecution of the work.

8 Whilst I fully sympathize with the anxieties which must be felt by those charged with the responsibility of bringing this very great enterprize to a successful termination, and readily acknowledge the difficulties which attended it, I confidently trust that the inhabitants of British Columbia will not fail to remember that they are not merely inhabitants of a Province, but of a great Dominion, and that they will not be less anxious than any of their fellow subjects in any other part of the country to see the work conducted under such circumstances as will be most conducive to the welfare of the community at large.

9. I heartily approve of your journey to British Columbia, and doubt not that the fact of your Ministers concurring so entirely in the visit will be recognized by the inhabitants of the Province as a proof of their good will and solicitude, and I wish it to be understood that no course could have been suggested which would have been more in accordance with my own views. It is indeed because I attach so much importance to the project and entertain so confident a hope of the results likely to arise from it, that I propose to postpone my reply to the Minutes in Council which have been communicated to me from British Columbia and from Canada respectively, and to defer laying before Her Majesty the Petition from the Provincial Assembly, until after I shall have heard from you from Victoria.

10. It only remains for me to notice the complaint of the British Columbian Government that the Minute of Council of September 20th, 1875, of your Government, was not forwarded to them till after a long delay. After the explanations which have been given of this occurrence I am certain that the Government of British Columbia will feel as convinced as I myself am, that it was merely owing to an unfortunate oversight, and I regret that it should have been thought to warrant an imputation which ought never to have been made.

You will be so good as to communicate this Despatch to the Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) CARNARVON.

Copy of a Report of a Committee of the Honourable the Executive Council, approved by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor on the 3d day of June, 1876.

The Committee of Council having had before them the Minute of the Privy Council of Canada, of March 13th last, commenting upon the Address and Petition to Her Majesty by the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, desire to submit the following remarks in relation thereto:—

That that Minute in no way disproves or even disputes the material facts stated in the said Address, but rather seeks to account for them; nor does it in their opinion weaken the force of the representations based on those facts; and that they would be well satisfied that the argument in this case should be submitted to any impartial tribunal, just as it is left by the reply in the Minute of the Government of Canada upon that Address.

That they desire, however, to deny distinctly that British Columbia has at any time, through any delegate or agent either directly or indirectly, consented or agreed that the Railway obligations of Canada towards British Columbia, under the Terms of Union, should be subject to to the limitation specified in the Resolution adopted by the House of Commons of Canada on the 11th day of April, 1871.

That such a limitation virtually nullifies those obligations altogether, as, indeed is now in fact claimed by the Government of the Dominion.

That they protest against the unwarranted assumption in that Minute that British Columbia has in any way assented or become bound, either legally or in honor, to such an abrogation of the Railway Article of the Terms of Union.

That they equally repel the charge that this Province, from sordid and selfish craving "for the gains and profits to be expected from the expenditure of millions in their midst; on the construction of the Pacific Railway," has ever sought to exact the literal fulfilment of the Railway Agreement, regardless of the general welfare of Canada, even to the involvement of the Dominion, of which she is a Province, in financial ruin, as is asserted in that Minute. That, on the contrary, British Columbia has always been ready to adopt a reasonable view of that agreement, as is fully shown by the cordial concurrence of her Government and people in the modification of that agreement effected in 1874, through the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

That the Government of Canada, however, now evade compliance with the requirements of that modified agreement, or seek to qualify and virtually nullify it by a condition certainly not clearly or openly stated (if stated at all) when that modification was decided upon by the Secretary of State for the Colonies and accepted unreservedly by that Government.

That British Columbia never urged, or desired, nor would she have concurred in any such expenditure of the public funds of Canada, in the construction of the Pacific Railway, as could be shown to be beyond the financial ability of the Dominion, but that she has claimed and does claim a right to form and express an independent opinion as to the extent to which that financial ability should be exerted on this great national enterprise; and she holds that, though in other respects an integral part of Canada as a Province of the Dominion, she is entitled, in respect of this question of the non-fulfillment of the Terms upon which she entered the Dominion, to a position as independent as she occupied in negotiating those Terms, a position of entire equality with that which attaches to the Dominion itself, the other party to those negotiatons.

That as regards the suggestion by the Government of Canada in the Minute of Privy Council of 20th September last, that British Columbia should receive a bonus of $750,000 "as compensation for any delays which may take place in the construction of the Pacific Railway;" it seems to be intimated in the subsequent Minute of March 13th, although it is yet far from being distinctly stated, that such bonus was offered in lieu of the proposed section of railway between Esquimalt and Nanaimo only, and that it was never intended that the acceptance of that bonus by British Columbia should relieve Canada from any of the conditions of the settlement of the Railway agreement effected in 1874, other than that providing for the construction of that particular section of railroad. If such was the intention of that offer, it is much to be regretted that it was expressed in the Minute of 20th September in language which certainly conveys a very different meaning, and fully warrants the conclusion, and none other, which the Government and people of British Columbia derived from it, viz: that the acceptance of the proffered bonus would be held to preclude British Columbia from any further assertion of her rights under the Railway Article of the Terms of Union. It is yet more to be regretted that the Government of Canada, on learning that the true intent of their suggestion had been, as they allege, misapprehended, have not, in plain language, renewed that suggestion in the spirit of the desire expressed in their last Minute, to propose "a liberal compensation for delays, in substitution of that provided by the arrangement recently entered into in 1874, but to which Parliament declined to assent."

That as to the contention in the Minute of the Privy Council of Canada of 20th of September last, that the "proposed railway from Esquimalt to Nanaimo does not form a portion of the Canadian Pacific Railway, as defined by the Act; it was proposed as compensation for the disappointment experienced by the unavoidable delay in constructing the railway across the continent," which contention is renewed in their subsequent Minute, the Committee observe that the Order in Council of 7th June, 1873, by which it is decided that "Esquimalt be fixed as the terminus of the Canadian Pacific Railroad," has never been repealed or reversed, as far as the Committee are aware, by any subsequent Order of Council or other instrument of equal validity. Certainly no such subsequent Order of Council has been communicated to the Government of British Columbia.

That, whatever may have been the intention of the Government of Canada in offering to construct immediately the portion of road between Esquimalt and Nanaimo, that offer has never been accepted by the Government of British Columbia.

That the Government of British Columbia did, however, accept the settlement effected in 1874 through the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and that the Government and people of British Columbia are loyally and ready to abide in all respects by that settlement, and to be bound by its conditions as they may be defined by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

That the Government and Legislature of British Columbia, desirous then, as they still are, to do all in their power to give effect to that settlement, without hesitation complied last year with the request of the Government of Canada for the conveyance to that Government, by Act of this Legislature, of certain lands along the line of the proposed railroad between Esquimalt and Nanaimo, in aid of the construction of that portion of road of the extent and on conditions stipulated in the 11th Article of the Terms of Union.

That the Government of Canada, in their application for the conveyance of those lands by Act of this Legislature, gave no intimation that such conveyance by legislation was specially requisite on account of the proposed road from Esquimalt to Nanaimo not being part of the Pacific Railroad; nor was such a consideration presented in any way to the Government or Legislature of British Columbia.

That the Committee hold, on the contrary, that such legislation would have been equally required for the full conveyance of the lands applied for, whether the portion of road for the construction of which they were appropriated were part of the Canadian Pacific Railroad or not, and that similar legislation would be requisite for the conveyance to the Dominion of any lands in respect of the construction of any portion of the Canadian Pacific Railroad, under the 11th Article of the Terms of Union, by which the Government of British Columbia "agree to convey" certain lands on the conditions therein stated, this Government being incompetent to duly carry that agreement into effect without being further specially empowered so to do by the Legislature of the Province.

That the contention that the portion of the road between Esquimalt and Nanaimo is not part of the Pacific Railway is wholly immaterial if—as seems to be indicated in the last Minute of Privy Council—that portion of road was undertaken in 1874 as compensation for delay which had already occurred in the commencement or the Pacific Railroad, and for such further delay only in its construction and completion as is stipulated in the settlement effected by the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

That, with regard to the comparative statement of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Dominion in British Columbia since Union, which is appended to and commented upon in the Minute of Privy Council of 13th March, it would not be difficult to show that that statement is not altogether a fair exhibit of the account. That a large part of the expenditure charged against British Columbia is incidental to the extension of the system of Confederation over a new Province. That the revenue derived by the Dominion from British Columbia is shown by that statement to have steadily and largely increased, viz: as $363,298 08 for the year 1871-2 is to $275,338 01 for the first half of the year 1875-6, the expenditure increasing also in about the same proportion; that whilst it may confidently be anticipated that at least that ratio of increase of revenue will be maintained, the increase of expenditure, on the other hand, may be expected to be proportionately reduced after the completion of those public buildings and other public works, the construction of which was provided for the Terms of Union, and to which a considerable part of the expenditure of the past three years is chargeable.

That even if it should be shown from a comparison of the expenditure and receipts of the Dominion in British Columbia since Union, that enormous pecuniary advantages have, as is asserted in that Minute, resulted to this Province, such a financial balance against British Columbia would be but insignificant in comparison with the infinitely more important and lasting benefits which she justly anticipates from the construction of the Pacific Railroad in accordance with the Terms of Union, not indeed so much from the expenditure of money in its construction as from the results to the Province and to the Dominion of its completion and the establishment thereby of a great highway for trade and travel within British territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and the immigration consequent therefrom into this Province.

That the introduction, by the Government of the Dominion, of such a discussion as to the financial results to Canada and British Columbia respectively, from the introduction of that Province into the Dominion, appears to the Committee most unfortunate, and is certainly not pertinent to the question at issue. British Columbia has never complained of having been unfairly dealt with in the apportionment of General Expenditure by the Dominion, nor would the Committee desire to assume that such expenditure, either in British Columbia or elsewhere, has been directed by any other motive than that of promoting the general welfare of the Dominion as a whole, without seeking to purchase, by undue apportionment of the public funds, the consent of this or any other Province to an abandonment of just claims under the Terms of Union.

That the manifestation by the Government of Canada of their sentiments towards British Columbia, expressed in the concluding paragraphs of their last Minute, followed as it has been by the adoption by a large majority of the House of Commons in the recent Session—all the members of the Government of that House being of that majority—of a Resolution to the effect that the Pacific Railroad shall not be built if its construction entail on Canada any increase of taxation, has painfully impressed us, and the community we represent, with the conviction that the Government of Canada do not intend to press the construction of that Railroad beyond the convenience of that Government after providing for all other public works of apparently more direct and local interest to the majority in Eastern Canada, nor to have any regard to the contract for its completion entered into by Canada in the Terms of Union, and renewed in modified terms in the Settlement effected, in 1874, by the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, except subject to that convenience.

That the Committee, again, humbly submit that British Columbia is, at least, entitled to have the conditions of that settlement carried out in letter and in spirit; and they humbly and earnestly renew the prayer of the Petition to Her Majesty from the Legislative Assembly of the Province; that the Dominion Government be immediately moved to carry out the terms of that settlement.

That they have the fullest confidence that Her Majesty will not require Her loyal subjects in this Province, however numerically weak, to submit to injustice and injury from the majority, however great, to whom they united themselves at Her Majesty's instance, on distinct and carefully considered terms, in claiming the performance of which, even in a modified form, they are met with reproaches and charged with ignominious motives.

That, unless means be speedily taken to remove this sense of slight and injustice, now felt by the people of British Columbia, and to satisfy them that the substantial right of the Province will be maintained, this growing alienation of sentiment must result prejudicially to the interests of the Empire.

The Committee respectfully request that your Excellency will be pleased, if this Report be approved, to cause copies thereof to be severally forwarded to the Right Honorable the Secretary of State for the Colonies and to the Honourable the Secretary of State for Canada.

Certified,
(Signed) T. BASIL HUMPHREYS,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

[TELEGRAM.]

The Lieutenant Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

VICTORIA, B. C., 8th January, 1877.

To Earl Carnarvon, Secretary of State, London.

My Ministers are anxious to convene Legislature directly and to place before House Her Majesty's decision on Petition on February, 1876, respecting Canadian Pacific Railway, and request me earnestly to beg Your Lordship to telegraph to me at once the substance of the decision arrived at.

(Signed A. N. RICHARDS,
Lieutenant-Governor.

[TELEGRAM.]

The Secretary of State to the Lieutenant-Governor.

LONDON, 17th January, 1877.

To Lieutenant-Governor Richards.

Pacific Railway. I write direct by mail and trust no conclusions will be formed nor action taken pending receipt of Despatch.

(Signed) CARNARVON.

The Governor-General's Secretary to Lieutenant-Governor Richards.

GOVERNOR GENERALS'S OFFICE, OTTAWA, 5th January, 1877.

SIR,—I have the honour, by desire of His Excellency the Governor General, to forward to you, for the information of your Government, the accompanying copy of a despatch (No. 362, Dec. 18th, 1876), from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, acknowledging the receipt of a despatch from His Excellency transmitting a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council of British Columbia, respecting the course taken by the Dominion Government in reference to the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

I have, &c.
(Signed) E.G. P. LITTLETON,
Governor-General's Secretary.

The Earl of Carnarvon to the Earl of Dufferin.

CANADA. No. 362. DOWNING STREET, December 18th, 1876.

MY LORD,—I duly received Your Lordships despatch (No. 190 of the 30th June last) enclosing a Report of a Committee of the Executive Council of British Columbia, respecting the course taken by the Dominion Government in reference to the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. This report, together with the previous one of the 4th January, and the Petition to the Queen from the Legislative Assembly of the Province, have received my very careful consideration.

2. In my despatch (No. 113 of the 23rd of May) I informed you that I proposed to postpone any reply to the Minutes of Council, which had previously reached me from British Columbia and Canada respectively, upon this subject; and that I should also defer laying before the Queen the Petition from the Provincial Assembly, until after your contemplated visit to British Columbia.

3. It has not yet been possible for you to complete and transmit to me your official report of this visit, but as I understand that the meeting of the British Columbia Legislature is now near at hand, I think I ought not any longer to withhold from the Governments of the Dominion and of the Province an expression of my opinion, so far as it has yet been possible for me to form one, on the principal questions now at issue.

4. Although, in visiting British Columbia, you were not charged to offer any explanations or to make any proposals, either on behalf of Her Majesty's Government or of your Ministers, to the Government and people of the Province, I naturally anticipated that the result of your communications with them would be to enlighten them as to the views and policy of the Dominion Government, and the difficulties with which that Government has had to contend in fulfilling the terms of the settlement which I proposed in 1874; and consequently would tend to allay the irritation which had been felt in the Province on account of the failure of the Bill providing for the Nanaimo and Esquimalt Railway, as well as on other points in regard to which the people of British Columbia have been dissatisfied.

5. I have already learnt enough of your proceedings to feel assured that I do not misinterpret the result of your visit, in believing that my anticipations, as above expressed, have been to a great extent fulfilled, and that public opinion in British Columbia will at all events be prepared to concur with me in the opinion that the circumstances of the case are such as to render it not unreasonable that the Dominion Government should ask for time, and an indulgent consideration of their own difficulties, in order that they may fulfil, to the best of their ability, the obligations under which they find themselves placed.

6. If I do not at this moment comply with the representations of the Assembly and Council of the Province, that I should urge upon the Government of Canada the strict and immediate fulfilment of the obligations to which I have referred in the preceding paragraph, it is because I appreciate, more distinctly perhaps than it is possible for the people of the Province to do, the position in which the Dominion Government has been placed by the failure of the Island Railway Bill. I recognize, moreover, the fact that there are many considerations which require that the whole of this most important question of the Pacific Railway should be treated with the utmost deliberation consistent with the pressing requirements of the Province, and that no hasty action should be pressed upon the Canadian Government, whom, I need hardly say, I believe to be thoroughly sincere in their desire to construct the main line of railway with all the expedition of which the resources of the country and the engineering problems remaining yet unsolved will admit.

7. After much and anxious consideration, and with every sympathy for the sense of disappointment under which I see that the people of British Columbia are laboring, I cannot avoid the conclusion that the objections which have been made against the course taken by the Dominion Government have been couched in more severe and exaggerated language than a fair estimate of the peculiar embarrassments and the difficulties of the case would seem to justify.

8. The British Columbian Government must, I feel sure, be convinced (as I am) that the surveys of the line have been prosecuted with the greatest vigour and dispatch possible, that these surveys are now approaching completion, and that every effort has been made by the Government of Canada to hurry forward the antecedent preparations necessary to the construction of the railway.

9. It must, of course, be expected that, even after the completion of the surveys upon the spot, a great amount of work will remain to be done in the Engineer's office, and the Dominion Government will require time to consider fully, after sufficiently accurate data have been collected, not only the exact proportions and details of the undertaking, but also the calls which it will entail upon the resources of the country. Those, again, who may be disposed to contract for sections of the line, and some of whom may not improbably be resident in England, would presumably require to send their agents to the localities, in order to make such calculations as would enable them to tender for the work.

10. There is a question of the greatest importance which has weighed much with me. Not only is it evident that the route inland must be laid down with sufficient precision for the purpose, but the question of the terminus is one in which the most serious consequences are obviously involved, and with regard, to which, after having recourse to the information now in the possession of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, I see clearly that we have not at present the materials for any definite conclusion.

11. The future success of the Railway is, indeed, in so great a degree dependent upon a proper approach to the sea being selected, that it would be obviously improper for the Canadian Government to be hurried into a premature decision on this point by any untimely pressure. For example, grave objections, I understand, may be urged against the Bute Inlet route which has been looked upon with much favour, on account of the inadequacy of its headwaters as a safe anchorage: and unless the Railway could hereafter be practically prolonged to some point in Vancouver Island, such as Barclay Sound or Esquimalt, by means of steam ferry navigation across the intervening channels, it appears difficult to see how this route could be adopted.

12. The question of the terminus on the Pacific is in fact one which can only be decided after fuller and more conclusive reports have been procured from Marine Engineers or Naval Officers than have yet been obtained, and these considerations, coupled with other circumstances, make it now evident that with the best intentions and exertions, and under the most favorable circumstances, no serious commencement of the Railway within the Province can be at once made.

13. Between the coming spring, however, and the spring of 1878, it may fairly be expected that many points now surrounded with doubt will have become more clearly defined and I fully hope and believe that after the very limited delay of a single summer the Province of British Columbia will find that there is no longer any obstacle to the active prosecution of the undertaking, and I trust that the Province will not fail to perceive with me that its case will be by no means strengthened if impatience (however natural) under other circumstances is displayed at the non-commencement of a line of a Railway the proper course and terminus of which are as yet altogether uncertain, while at the same time an independent observer must admit that the Canadian Government are using every exertion to carry out the work as rapidly as possible.

14. I will not now further notice the offer made to British Columbia, by Canada, of a money payment in lieu of the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway, and in compensation for delay, than by observing that I could not with advantage at the present moment enter into the question of the sufficiency or otherwise of the amount offered. The present condition of the whole question renders it, in my opinion, premature to discuss this particular point inasmuch as the duration of the delay in commencing the main line of Railway may become equitably, at all events, a material consideration in estimating the amount which should be paid to the Province. It would, however, be a source of much satisfaction to me to learn that the Province were willing to accept the principle of a money equivalent for the line in question, the construction of which I am bound to say does not appear to me likely to be the most judicious expenditure of capital.

15. To sum up, then, the considerations to which I have referred, I wish you to inform your advisers and the Provincial Government that, while I do not feel myself in a position to decline to entertain the representations pressed upon me by the Province, I am nevertheless at this moment unable to pronounce an opinion as to the course which should be taken, either with regard to the Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway or with regard to the delays which have occurred, or which may yet yet occur, in the construction of the main line. Until it is known what is to be the route and terminus of that line and what offers may be made by contractors for its construction, I feel that it would be improper to come to any conclusions on the subject.

16. I sincerely regret the immense engineering difficulties which have presented themselves and which have necessarily rendered impracticable in some respects the settlements which I recommended in 1874; but I am satisfied that the Dominion Government has contended with them to the best of its ability; and while I trust that the Province will now wait patiently until the terminus can be settled and tenders for the work can be received, I shall be ready when in possession of this information to assist so far as I can, if both parties should desire it, in the settlement of the minor, though of course very important, question which has arisen as to the compensation offered in substitution for the Railway on the Island.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) CARNARVON.

[TELEGRAM.]

The Lieutenant-Governor to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

VICTORIA, B.C., 2nd Feb. 1877.

To Earl Carnarvon, Secretary of State.

Pacific Railway. Is Despatch of 18th December to Governor-General the same as mentioned in your telegram?

(Signed) A. N. RICHARDS.

[TELEGRAM.]

The Secretary of State to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Lieutenant-Governor Richards, British Columbia.

Sixth February. My telegram of 17th January referred to Despatch dated 18th January, which was supplementary to that of the 18th December, and should be read with it.

(Signed) CARNARVON.

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The Earl of Carnarvon to Lieutenant Governor Richards.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.
DOWNING STREET,
18th January, 1877.

SIR,—I duly received your telegram informing me that your Ministers are anxious to convene the Legislature directly, and to place before the House Her Majesty's decision on the Petition of February, 1876, respecting the Canadian Pacific Railway, and requesting me to telegraph to you the substance of the decision arrived at.

2. I replied by my telegram of the 17th instant, informing you that I was about to write to you by the mail, and trusted that no conclusions would be arrived at nor action taken until the arrival of my Despatch.

3. I now wish to explain to you that on the 18th of December last I addressed a Despatch to the Governor-General of Canada (No. 362), setting forth at length the views of Her Majesty's Government in regard to the Railway question.

4. A copy of that Despatch has, I am imformed by Lord Dufferin, been transmitted to you, and it is my desire that it should be regarded as addressed as much to the Province of British Columbia in answer to the representations received from the Council and Assembly, as to the Government of the Dominion.

5. I feel assured that your Government and Legislature will give due weight to the recommendations therein contained, and that they will accept my assurance that after careful and anxious consideration of the subject, I feel that any attempt at this precise moment to come to a final decision would be inexpedient in the interest of any party, and would create fresh difficulties to the settlement of the question on that just and satisfactory footing which Her Majesty's Government so earnestly desire.

6. As you are well aware, it is not usual for the Secretary of State to correspond directly with a Provincial Government, rules of the service requiring that all the such communications should be made to the Governor-General. As, however, I have been led to understand that in the present case your Government have expected a direct communication from Her Majesty's Government, I have addressed this Despatch to you, and have explained to the Governor-General the circumstances under which I have done so.

I have, etc.,
(Signed) CARNARVON.

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THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 22ND, 1877

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THE SPEECH.

We have not sufficient space at our disposal this morning to review the admirable speech that was delivered at the opening of the House yesterday. The document abounds with suggestions of value and importance to the commonwealth; and the various topics touched upon show that the Ministry are both energetic and efficient. Their promise to bring forward some measures of great public utility will be hailed with satisfaction. We propose to review the speech to-morrow, and in the meanwhile invite its careful perusal.

THE RAILWAY DISPATCHES.

Our readers will find in full in this issue copies of the dispatches that have passed between the Governments of this Province, of Canada and Great Britian respecting the breach in the Railway covenant. The dispatches are lengthy, but they will be read with interest by people in all parts of the Province. During the recess it has been the custom of the Opposition press to accuse the Local Government of want of energy and manliness in pressing the claims of the Province on the attention of the Secretary for the Colonies. It will be seen on reference to the Minute of Council of this Government of the 3d of June last, that they have not failed to advance, in firm but respectful language, the rights and reasonable expectations of the Province upon Lord Carnarvon's attention. What could be more forcible and pointed than the expression of the conviction that the "Government of Canada do not intend to press the construction of the Railroad beyond the convenience of Canada;" or this: "That British Columbia is, at least, entitled to have the conditions of that [the Carnarvon] settlement carried out in letter and in spirit;" or, "that they [the Local Government] have the fullest confidence that Her Majesty will not require Her loyal subjects in this Province, however numerically weak, to submit to injustice and injury from the majority;" or, "that unless means be speedily taken to remove this sense of slight and injustice, now felt by the people of British Columbia, * * * this growing alienation of sentiment must result prejudicially to the interests of the Empire." The Government may well claim that they have displayed an amount of vigor and straightforwardness in this matter that entitle them to the confidence of the country.

We come now to the dispatch from Earl Carnarvon of date December 18th, 1876. The paper is written in the smooth, diplomatic tone so characteristic of a British Minister. But the expression of the opinion of a "thoroughly sincere" desire of the Canadian Government "to construct the main-line of railway with all the expedition of which the resources of the country and the engineering problems remaining unsolved will admit," is decided and sententious enough to be worthy of a British Columbian politician. Lord Carnarvon has confidence in the *bona fide* intentions of Canada to build the line; but he is of opinion that the "peculiar embarrassments and difficulties of the case" have not been fairly estimated by Columbians. The surveys, he says, "have been prosecuted with the greatest vigor and dispatch possible;" these surveys, he adds, are now "approaching completion and every effort has been made by the Government of Canada to hurry forward the antecedent preparations necessary to the construction of the Railway." The dispatch continues that even supposing the surveys completed, time must necessarily elapse before contractors can visit the Province and prepare their bids for sections of the line.

The question of route is next dealt with by the dispatch, and the difficulties attending its selection referred to. Bute Inlet, which was regarded with much favor, we are told, has been found to possess poor anchorage; "*unless the railway could hereafter be practically prolonged to some point in Vancouver Island, such as Barclay Sound or Esquimalt, by means of steam ferry navigation across the intervening channels, it appears difficult to see how that route could be adopted.*" In clause 10 of the dispatch, which refers to the difficulties that attend the selection of the route, Lord Carnarvon remarks that "*We* have not at present the materials for any definite conclusion." The use of the pronoun "we" strengthens the position previously taken by us in view of the official documents from the Colonial Office addressed to nautical men in this vicinity, that the responsibility of the selection of the Western terminus has been accepted by the British Government. Under these circumstances it is pointed out that "no serious commencement of the railway can be at once made." In the next clause the noble Earl holds out the prospect that "*between the coming spring and the spring of* 1878 *it may fairly be expected that many points now surrounded with doubt will have become more clearly defined, and I fully hope and believe that after the limited delay of a single summer the Province of British Columbia will find that there is no longer any obstacle to the active prosecution of the undertaking; and I trust that the Province will not fail to perceive with me that its case will be by no means strengthened if impatience* (however natural under other circumstances) is displayed at the non-commencement of a line of Railway, the proper course and terminus of which are as yet altogether uncertain; while at the same time an independent observer must admit that the Canadian Government are using every exertion to carry out the work as rapidly as possible." The dispatch deals, next, with the question of compensation. Lord Carnarvon informs the Government that he is at present unable to pronounce an opinion as to the amount of compensation that should be paid by Canada *in lieu of the Island line;* but remarks that it would afford him "much satisfaction" to learn that the Province is willing to accept "a money equivalent for the line in question." Further on, he remarks that he is unable at this moment to pronounce an opinion as to the course which should be taken, either with regard to the Esquimalt or Nanaimo railway, or in the construction of the main line." *Until it is known what is to be the route and terminus of the line and what offers may be made by contractors for the construction, I feel that it would be improper to come to any conclusions on the subject*" After again expressing confidence in the good faith of the Dominion Government, the dispatch concludes as follows:

"And while I trust that the Province will now wait patiently until the terminus can be settled and tenders for the work can be received, I shall be ready when in possession of this information to assist, so far as I can, if both parties should desire it, in the settlement of the minor, though, of course, very important question which has arisen as to the *compensation offered in substitute for the railway on the Island.*"

The conclusions to be drawn from the despatch which we have summarized above are these: That Lord Carnarvon is of opinion that if the Island Railway is not built by the Canadian Government a money equivalent should be paid by Canada to the Province in lieu thereof; that he is unable to decide as to the amount of that compensation, or, indeed, whether compensation will be necessary or not, until the western terminus of the overland railway shall have been determined, for should the line terminate at Esquimalt, no compensation will be required; that he believes railway work will commence in the spring of 1878; that the British Government are of opinion that the Canadian Government have used due dilligence in the prosecution of the surveys; and that to the Imperial Government has been assigned the responsibility of selecting the Pacific terminus. The Province has assurance that the main line will be pushed ahead; and, in addition, a very dangerous element, that might have proved a bone of contention between Mainland and Island, has been removed from the arena of sectional strife. We refer to the question of compensation.

Now, it is but right that we should say that two very important points have been gained by the appeal to England. The Minute of the Canadian Privy Council of September 20th, 1875, tendered to British Columbia a cash *bonus* of $750,000 in compensation for any "delays which may take place in the construction of the Pacific Railway." The offer was indignantly refused by the Province, because to have accepted it would have been to surrender the hope of railway construction anywhere in the Province for many years. This point has been decided by Lord Carnarvon in favor of compensation being paid in lieu of the Island Railway; and he speaks of that compensation as a "money equivalent" for the Island line. The fear has often been expressed that money paid as compensation would be likely to cause both Mainland and Island to scramble for it and expend it on local improvements. This fear is now not likely to be realized, for should compensation be found necessary the money will be spent on the Island line and on no other object. To sum up the case it is perfectly plain that the country will find in the despatch "less than it is entitled to expect;" but it is doubtful whether, with the assurance of Lord Carnarvon before it of the commencement of work next spring, any hasty action would meet with the approval of even a majority of the citizens of Victoria.

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Dated 21st February, 1877.

J. ROLAND HETT,
Solicitor for Messrs. Arthur & CO.,
Bastion Street, Victoria. fe22

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R. F. JOHN, Collector.
Victoria, Feb. 20, 1877. fe21

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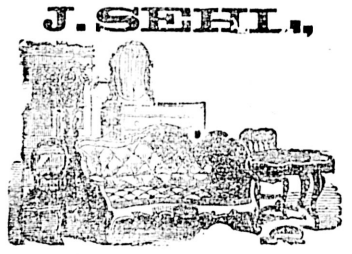

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Victoria, Feb. 13, 1877. fe14

Daily British Colonist.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 22ND, 1877.

Marine Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

ENTERED.

Feb. 21—str Enterprise, New Westminster

CLEARED.

Feb. 21—None.

BIRTHS.

In this city, Feb. 21st, to the wife of Charles L Boell, a son.

SECOND PROVINCIAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

SECOND SESSION.

The second session of the Provincial Legislative Assembly was opened at 1½ o'clock yesterday afternoon by His Excellency the Lieut.-Governor. A large crowd, many of whom were ladies, assembled to witness the ceremony, in which a great amount of interest was manifested. His Excellency and suite (which comprised Colonel Houghton, D.A.G., Capt. Harris, of H.M.S. Rocket, and Capt. Layton, Private Secretary,) were received by Co.'s 1 and 2, Militia, the band playing the National Anthem. Amongst the throng assembled to witness the proceedings were the following:—Mrs. and Miss Richards, Mrs. Macdonald, Mrs. Ash, the Misses Crease, Mrs. Bushby, Mrs. and Misses Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ward, Mr., Mrs. and Miss F. Innis, Mrs. Rithet, Mrs. Trimble, Mrs. Fellows, Mrs. and Miss Ella, Mrs. Tye, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Roscoe, Mrs. Goodfellow, Mrs. W. Charles, Miss Munro, Miss Douglas, Miss Newton, Mr. and Mrs. Boscowitz, Mr. and Mrs. Aikman, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Miles, Miss Skinner, Miss. Martineau, Mrs. Lowenberg, Miss Jeffree, Mrs. Wolfenden, Mrs. McN. Jones, High Sheriff and Mrs. Harris, Mr., Mrs. and Miss Dupont, Miss Robson, Mrs. J. Wark, Miss Peers, Miss Wilby, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Dwyer, Mrs. W. Fisher, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Neufelder, Misses MacTavish, Mrs. Blum, Mrs. Clarke, Mrs. Smithe, Miss Cowper, Mrs. Fredk. Williams, Chief Justice Sir Matthew B. Begbie and Judges Crease and Gray, Bishop Hills. Bishop Cridge, Rev. Mr. Gribbell, Rev. P. Jenns, Mr. J. Trutch, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Bennett, Capt. Cooper, Hon. P. O'Reilly, Mr. A. R. Robertson, Mr. Findlay, Dr. Matthews, Wm. Fisher, Mr. J. Hunter, Mr. Turner, Mr. Beeton, Mr. T. Charles, Mr. Finlayson and Mr. R. Williams.

His Excellency having ascended the throne, proceeded to read the following

SPEECH.

Mr. Speaker, Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:—In addressing you, the representatives of the people of British Columbia, for the first time since I had the honor to be appointed as the Lieut.-Governor of this Province, I take the opportunity to assure you that I do so with a full appreciation of the importance of the great trust reposed in me, and I earnestly hope that during my term of office the Province of British Columbia will progress and prosper.

The subject of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway—upon which the future welfare of the Province so much depends, and upon which the public mind has been so long and so anxiously agitated,—is one in which you will be particularly interested. Dispatches, from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, in answer to the Petition of your Honorable House to Her Most Gracious Majesty upon this important subject, have been received; and I extremely regret to announce to you that they still leave the final decision of this vexed and long pending question in abeyance It is, however, to be noted, with some degree of satisfaction, that Lord Carnarvon expresses a belief that, after the delay of a single summer, there will no longer be any obstacle to the active prosecution of Railway construction in British Columbia. Correspondence upon this matter will be laid before you.

The Commissioners appointed agreeably to the arrangements made last Session between the Dominion and Provincial Governments for the settlement of the Indian land question are at present in the field, and have succeeded in effecting satisfactory and amicable settlements with various tribes of Indians. The present Commisston, however, has proved to be an exceedingly expensive method of adjusting the Indian reserves. I am therefore pleased to inform you that the Dominion Government have assented to suggestions forwarded to them by my Government, which will hasten the completion of the labours of the present Commissioners and provide for an easy and inexpensive means of settling all further questions respecting Indian lands,

With regard to the Graving Dock at Esquimalt, considerable paogress has been made with the preliminary works under very adverse circumstances, and I trust shortly to receive from the Engineers the necessary plans and specifications approved by the Imperial authorities, upon receipt of which I shall be enabled to invite tenders for the construction of the main work..

The unprecedented flood which occurred early in the season, and caused serious injury to the settlers in the fertile valley of the Fraser, induced my Ministers to institute a survey with a view of ascertaining the possibility of dyking the Sumas, in order to prevent a recurrence of the disaster in that District. A report upon this subject will also be laid before you.

I regret that the same flood occasioned very great damage to the Cariboo Trunk Road and the bridges thereon, necessitating for the purpose of placing that important highway in a thorough state of repair an expenditure considerably in excess of that contemplated alike by my Ministers and by your honorable body when the Estimates were passed last Session.

In respect to School matters, changes have been made in accordance with the expressed wishes of this honourable Legislature at its last session. A Deputy Superintendent has been appointed for the Mainland, and it affords me pleasure to say that the important institution at Cache Creek, that had been allowed to fall into decay and much diminished usefulness, has since the appointment materially improved. A High School, to provide for free instruction in the higher branches of education, has also been established in this city. It is doing very useful work, and has already proved to be a valuable adjunct to our school system.

The produce of our principal gold fields has somewhat fallen off during the past year. A proposition will be submitted to you with a view of encouraging the erection of quartz mills, and the development of that more permanent, and therefore more important branch of gold mining.

The coal and lumber industries have continued to extend, the exports showing a considerable increase over previous years.

The growing importance of our coal mines renders it advisable to provide necessary safeguards in their working; a measure will therefore be submitted to you to provide for their inspection, with the object of decreasing the danger of calamitous accidents.

Acts to provide for the better administration of justice, and to establish an improved County Court system will be submitted to you.

An Act to amend the "Election Regulation Act," which will provide for the more perfect security of independent voting in accordance with the spirit of the "Ballot Act, 1873," will be introduced for your consideration.

I shall propose to you a measure to amend the "Constitution Act," by providing for a more equitable representation of the Province in your honorable Assembly.

I have to congratulate you upon the satisfactory condition of the Revenue, which shows an advance under nearly all the principal heads of receipt.

The Public Accounts will be laid before you at once; and Estimates for the current year are in course of preparation, and will be sent down to you at an early day.

In leaving you now to your deliberations I have the utmost confidence that you will undertake your important Legislative duties in a spirit of patriotism, striving on every occasion to guard and advance the true interests of the Province.

During the interval that elapsed between the Speaker leaving the Chair and His Excellency entering the hall, the appearance of the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition on the floor of the House was the signal for cheers from their respective friends in the galleries.

Immediately on His Excellency's departure, the Speaker having taken the Chair, the Clerk produced and read the documents and certificates relating to the election of the new members for Kootenay and Nanaimo, Messrs. Milby and Gordon; also, the re-election of Hon. W. Smithe, of Cowichan, rendered necessary by his acceptance of office.

Mr. Smithe and Mr. Gordon were introduced to the Speaker by Hon. Messrs. Elliott and Vernon, and took their seats on the Government side of the House. Mr. Milby was absent in consequence of illness.

The Premier moved that the documents be entered on the Journals of the House. Carried.

The Premier then moved that the House meet on Friday next for the consideration of His Excellency's Speech.

Mr. Fisher moved in amendment that as the document was of an unusually important nature it would be better to defer the consideration thereof until Monday.

The Premier having accepted the suggestion the motion as amended was put and carried; as well as a motion that the House at its rising do stand adjourned till Monday next at 2 p.m.

The Premier laid on the table of the House papers relative to the non-fulfilment of the Railway engagements by Canada, which will be found elsewhere.

PRIVILEGE.

Hon. Mr. Walkem rose to a question of privilege. He said that during his absence reports had been made through the medium of the public papers by the present Leader of the Government to the effect that he (Mr. Walkem) had destroyed the voucher for the payment of Mr. Holbrook's travelling expenses. This statement the hon. gentleman denied.

Hon. Mr. Elliott was gratified to hear the hon. gentleman's denial, and said that what he had intended to say was that the document was last seen in the possession of the Leader of the Opposition. He had gone too far in saying that Hon. Mr. Walkem had destroyed the voucher, and he now apologized for the assertion. (Cheers). He thought it would be best to have an enquiry into the subject and then the custodian of the papers could give evidence.

Hon. Mr. Walkem thought it singular that the apology was not made long ago.

Hon. Mr. Elliott again said that the voucher was not in its proper place in the Government records and that all the evidence at his disposal went to show that it was last seen in Hon. Mr. Walkem's possession. He would move for a Committee of Enquiry.

Hon. Mr. Walkem said that he was the guardian of his own honor. He supposed that as a gentleman he was bound to accept the apology tendered by Hon. Mr. Elliott.

Mr. Fisher thought it was a pity for the time of the House to be occupied with such unprofitable discussion. He was of opinion that Hon. Mr. Elliott had made a sufficient apology and that the Hon. Mr. Walkem had suffered no damage to his reputation by the remarks complained of.

Dr. Tolmie here gave notive of an intention to move for a Committee.

Hon. Mr. Elliott then moved the first reading of "An Act to Consolidate the Laws of British Columbia."

The House then adjourned till Monday at 2 p.m.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

On Tuesday next—

Mr. Tolmie to ask leave to introduce a Bill intituled "An Act to amend the Law of Trespass, so as to provide for summary jurisdiction in certain cases."

By Mr. Williams—On Tuesday next—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons and papers, be appointed to enquire into and report to this House upon the manner in which the contract for the Coffer-dam, and all other business connected with the Esquimalt Graving Dock, has been dealt with and carried on since the first day of January, 1876; the Committee to consist of Messrs. Williams, Evans, Fisher, Beaven and Humphreys.

By Mr. Walkem—On Monday next—

That a Select Committee be appointed to report fully upon the management of Indian affairs in this Province, with power to the said Committee to call for persons, books and papers.

By Mr. Walkem—On Monday next—

That a Select Committee, with power to call for persons, books, and papers, be appointed to take evidence and enquire into all matters relating to any money payments made by the Treasury to the Hon. Ebenezer Brown during the last twelve months; and that the said Committee be hereby required to produce to this House, for its consideration, all the evidence when taken, together with a report of their proceedings in the matter. That the Committee be also required to take the evidence referred to as nearly as possible in the form of deposits, which shall be signed by the deponents respectively making the same.

By Mr. Walkem—On Monday next—

That a respectful Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, for copies of all papers relating to the resignation of the Hon. Ebenezer Brown as President of the Executive Council.

By Mr. Walkem—On Monday next—

Questions of the Attorney-General.

Has the Hon. Ebenezer Brown resigned his position as President of the Executive Council? and if so, was such resignation tendered in writing?

What is the date of the document (if any) tendering the resignation? and when and by whom was such resignation accepted?

Has His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor ever been officially informed, by letter or by Order in Council of such intended resignation of the Hon. the President? and, if so, when?

Has His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor at any time signified his intention of accepting such resignation? and, if so, when and in what form was it done?

By Mr. Beaven—On Monday next—

That Section 30 of the Rules and Orders of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia be amended by striking out all the lines after the word "House" in the 6th line to the end of the section, and substituting the following:—

"Such notice shall be given by the introducer audibly reading it in open Session and laying it on the table before 6 o'clock p.m.

By Mr. Beaven—On Monday next—

That a respectful address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor requesting that a Return showing the name, residence and date of appointment, of all persons on the Commission of the Peace of the Province of British Columbia, or any portion thereof, be placed before this House in a printed form.

By Mr. Beaven—On Monday next—

Question of the Premier—

What are the dates of the Governor's Order and Government Gazette or newspaper notice whereby the lands in the Osoyoos Division of Yale District, as defined in the British Columbia Gazette of the 3rd February, 1877, were reserved for the use of Indians in the year 1871.

On Monday next—

Mr. Beaven to ask leave to introduce the following Bills viz:—

"An Act to amend the Ballot Act, 1873."

"An Act to amend the Election Regulation Act, 1871."

"An Act respecting the Legislative Assembly."

"An Act to respecting the printing and distributing of the Statutes, Journals, and Sessional papers of the Legislative Assembly."

"An Act respecting the Revised Laws of British Columbia, 1871."

"An Act respecting the appointment of Coroners."

"An Act respecting the appointment of Magistrates."

"An Act respecting Municipal Elections."

"An Act for the protection of certain Animals and Birds in British Columbia."

By Mr. Williams—On Monday next—

That an Address be presented to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, praying for a Return of all papers and correspondence which have passed between the Lands and Works Department and Messrs. Reed, Bros., or their Agent, Mr. Dawson, in regard to the Cofferdam, since 1st Feb, 1876, to date.

By Mr. Williams—On Monday next—

Question of Chief Commissioner—

Whether any extension of time has been granted to the contractors for the completion of the Cofferdam at Esquimalt? If so, how long?

By Mr. Williams—On Monday next—

Question of the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works—

Whether any alterations have been made in the original plans and specifications of the Cofferdam? If so, what is the nature and comparative difference of such alterations? Also, whether such extension of time and alteration was suggested by Mr. Dawson; and if so, when?

THE STEAMER RELIANCE.—Miners and traders in the Cassiar district will be glad to learn that this fine boat is being fitted with a splendid deck saloon for the accommodation of passengers, and will be placed on the Stickeen river for the coming season. She is the fastest vessel of her class in these waters and will be commanded by Capt. John Irving himself, who is well known to most of the Cassiar men and is a general favorite with the traveling public. With these recommendations there is no doubt that she will secure a large share of the traffic on the Stickeen this year.

CUSTOMS DUTIES.—In accordance with instructions from Ottawa the Customs authorities in this city decline to clear goods except with the understanding that if an advanced rate of duties is imposed it will be paid by the party taking the goods out. We learn that certain tariff changes are contemplated at Ottawa; also, that the excise on malt has been doubled, and the duty on petroleum taken off.

NANAIMO. — The schooner Una, with 230,000 feet of lumber, has sailed for Peru....The Nanaimo hospital has its first patient....Nanaimo and Chase rivers rose 13 feet in one day....The miners will be asked to vote "for" or "against" the retention of Dr. McInnis next pay-day....The bark Cassandra Adams is on the way up for Douglas coal....The Sawtelle troupe play to good houses.

THE steamer Enterprise arrived at 1:45 p.m. yesterday from the Mainland with the mails and the following passengers: Mrs. Armstrong, Miss N. Irving, Capts. Insley, Irving, Evans, M.P.P., Messrs. Dickinson, M.P.P., Mara, M.P.P., Armstrong, M.P.P., McIntosh, McKay, McDowell, Purcell. She also brought down five head of cattle from Ladner's Landing.

ACCIDENT.—Mrs. J. E. McMillan, while walking on the verandah of the Legislative Hall, yesterday, slipped and fell, sustaining a rupture of the cartilaginous ligament which encircles the wrist. Dr. Trimble attended the injured lady.

THE steamer Cariboo-Fly, with the following passengers, arrived from Nanaimo at 5:10 p.m. yesterday: J. W. Griffiths, W. Beaumont, J. Foorde, J. H. Burns, Sunderland, A. Holley, E. Phillips, J. Abrams, Flett, W. Reed, and 20 others.

BIG PAPER.—THE COLONIST of this day contains 13 columns of reading matter.

New Westminster.

[Guardian.]

CARIBOO—Very little has been done during the winter on Lightning Creek the water having defeated all the efforts of the miners to reach the diggings. After the most determined efforts, the struggle for a time is given up in despair: a second attempt, however, proved more successful, although it was only two weeks ago that work in any of the claims could be resumed. It must be remembered that a number of the most important claims on Lightning Creek are connected, that the water which effects one produces the same difficulty in all; the Vulcan and Vancouver are the lowest of this chain of claims, and have been at very heavy expense in trying to free themselves from the water incubus. The prospects, however, are cheering, the Vancouver Co. have found very rich bench diggings, richer indeed, than any other part of their claim, and the impression prevails that this bench will extend the whole length of the other claims connected as above mentioned. The bench is estimated to be about 500 feet broad. On Canyon creek operations were stopped during the winter, owing to the exhaustion of provisions and the impossibility of taking new supplies to the creek for want of a road. They intend to take in the requisite supplies on the hard crust of the snow early in the spring. On Cunningham Creek nothing of interest has occurred. The Victoria Co. are still prospecting; they are now running up stream, where they expect to get into better pay after reaching a certain point. Great interest is felt in the results of prospecting in these two last named creeks. There are other new sections spoken of for alluvial diggings, but nothing will be done till Cunningham and Canyon Creeks are thoroughly explored. The quartz claims, however, are in the ascendant; the Island Mountain Company are in high glee with their prospects, the quartz looking better as they penetrate into the hill. Their machinery it appears is very imperfect and they find it impossible to save the precious metal as they are now fixed. They propose sending a box of the quartz to San Francisco for test every ten or twelve feet penetrated. Not much has been done with the other, at Richfield, the general impression being that without proper machinery quartz cannot be successfully worked in Cariboo. The roads are in splendid order and the snow rapidly disappearing. Cattle doing well.

[Herald.]

At the recent sitting of the Westminster Town Council the following resolution was carried unanimously:—"That this Council contradicts in the most emphatic manner the certificate of Dr. C. N. Trew, endorsed by Robt. Dickinson, Esq., M.P.P., such certificate not being in accordance with facts, as at the very time the certificate was given one Indian was suffering from the disease and another in quarantine; since which time the sick Indian has died from smallpox, both Indians being the companions and nurses of the woman who first died from the disease, and who were ejected from the city limits by order of the Board of Health, and afterwards taken in charge by Mr. Lenihan, the Indian Superintendent; and that this Council authorizes the Board of Health to take proper steps to contradict such certificate in the proper quarters."

The location survey of the Fraser route will be vigorously pushed, and there is every reason to believe that next spring, at latest, will see the beginning of actual construction, either at Burrard Inlet or at some point on the lower Frazer.

CITY COUNCIL.—A meeting of this body was held last evening, the Mayor in the Chair. On motion of Coun. Redfern a clause from the water-works prohibitive by-law was ordered to be printed on the receipts. It was resolved to advertise for tenders for hauling required in graveling Douglas street. Engelhardt & Co. objected to water-rate charged them; tabled. Thos. Spence offered to deliver stone at the wharf at $1 50 per cubic yard; com. laid over to allow Mr. S. to say what he would break the stone for. The Secretary of the Cemetery Board notified that the Board would reduce the burial fees against the City by $59.50. Coun. Williams opposed any payment; but Coun. Jeffree moved that the bill be paid; carried. The claim of P. Tisset was deferred. Street Com. recommended the Council to drain Beechey street if Mr. Beaven would pay for the lumber. Surveyor reported obstructions on the waterfront, which were ordered to be removed. The Fire Wardens reported that the engines, etc., were in good order and that hydrants be placed at corners of Pandora and Douglas, and Rae and Douglas streets, but recommended that no cisterns be constructed. Coun. Trounce, contending that cisterns were necessary at James Bay moved for the reconsideration of this clause; carried. Com. read from Mr. Robinson, late water commissioner, declining to refund the amount of salary overdrawn; referred to City Barrister. E. A. Talbot got the contract to lay a box-drain and remove the old planking on Waddington Alley for $63.50. The road tax was made payable on the 1st of April of each year. A by-law authorizing the sale of lands on which taxes exceeding the sum of $5 had not been paid for five years, read a first time. By-law regulating sanitary condition of Indians was read a first time. Dallas street was ordered to be opened. Council went into committee on water rates. Coun. Jeffree moved that a rate of $1 per house per month be levied, whether the house took the water or not. Coun. Marvin moved in amendment that Mr. Russell do lay before the Council a list showing the alterations he proposes to make in the rates at present charged. Carried. Coun. Williams moved that property on the line of any main be charged half rate for water. Carried. On motion of Coun. Jeffree the cost of service was allowed to extend over twelve months at $1 per month. Moved by Coun. Jeffree that a uniform rate of $10 for service be charged in streets less than 70 feet wide, and when streets are wider there shall be a special rate to be arranged by Water Commissioner. Carried. Resolved, that the Clerk be instructed to invite tenders for 5,000 water works receipts, with excerpt of the by-law attached thereto. Adjourned.

THERE were no cases at the Police Court yesterday.

SHAMEFUL.—The indecent allusion to a lady, in our contemporary yesterday, has caused a general burst of indignation. The act is unparalleled in this Province. Nothing could justify the dastardly act of attacking a woman for the purpose of wounding to the quick a supposed adversary. The course pursued by our contemporary, recently, has been so outrageous that one is almost inclined to believe that a madman has stepped into Mr. DeCosmos' shoes.

MR. SPROAT'S friends assert that they are confident he is not the author of the disgraceful letter to the *Times*, and predict that immediately on his return to Victoria he will take the speediest method of clearing his character by instituting proceedings for libel against his ruffianly assailant.

M. P. PS. ARRIVED. — Messrs. Evans, Mara, Smith, Dickenson and Armstrong arrived in town yesterday. The members are now all here.

P.O. HOME CONCERT.—There will be a rehearsal at Theatre Royal this evening at 7½ o'clock. The concert will be held on the evening of the 28th inst.

THE Indian Commissioners are at Saanich. They have decided some knotty points at Cowichan.

By Electric Telegraph.

EXCLUSIVE TO THE COLONIST.

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

EASTERN STATES.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20 — Father Kernan, the oldest Catholic priest in America, died at Lancaster, Peru, yesterday, aged 98 years.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20—The House met at 11 o'clock. The business of the day was introduced by Gibson moving that the Hayes electoral votes for Louisiana be not counted. Hurlbut moved to amend the bill, striking out the word "not." A disucssion was opened.

Rear Admiral Louis M. Goldsborough died this morning of typhoid pneumonia. This is the sixth death among Rear Admirals within four or five weeks.

EUROPE.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The *Post's* special from Berlin says it is reported there that a conclusion of peace between Turkey and Servia is now assured.

A *Standard's* Berlin dispatch says it is stated in diplomatic circles that the powers have already confidentially communicated to Russia the substance of the replies they intend to make to Prince Gortschakoff. All have agreed not to interfere until the Porte has proved himself incapable of carrying through the promised reforms. Reported Russia on her part will inform the powers of her intentions and of the circumstances which make it impossible for her to forego immediately all interference, but she will give no indication of her eventual isolated action.

A special from Pesth says it is rumored in Belgrade that Russia informed Servia that she intends to cross Servia within ten days. A correspondent at Pera telegraphs that peace with the principalities is considered certain.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—The Russian army is south of the Caucassus on the Asiatic frontier of Turkey in readiness for action. It numbers 115,000 men, with 35 field batteries and 150 heavy siege guns.

Bronchitis.

From John Flagg, of Bennington, N.H. "Three years since I was very much reduced with a dreadful cough, which resulted in Bronchitis, affecting me so severely as to render it difficult to speak in an audible voice. To this was added severe night sweats, and I was fearful of going into a decline. After a recourse to various remedies to no purpose, I made use of DR. WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY, a few bottles of which fully restored me to health. Since that time I have had severe attacks of cough, but the BALSAM has always removed them. I always keep it by me, and should not know how to do without it." Sold by all druggists.

The Peruvian Syrup!

Vitalizes and enriches the blood, tones up the system, builds up the broken-down, cures Dispepsia, Liver Complaints, Dropsy, Chronic Diarrhœa, Boils, Nervous Affection, Chills and Fevers, Humors, Loss of Constitutional Vigor, Diseases of the Kidneys and Bladder, Female Complaints, and all diseases originating in a bad state of the Blood, or accompanied by Debility or a low state of the System.

CAUTION!—Be sure you get the PERUVIAN SYRUP. One dollar and two dollars a bottle. Prepared by SETH W. FOWLE & SONS, 86 Harrison Ave., Boston. Sold by all druggists generally.

ON SEWING MACHINES.—The best advice to intending purchasers of Sewing Machines is to select a machine which has built a reputation on its merits. This the Raymond sewing machine has done. Over 500 of these machines are in constant use in Victoria and vicinity and the mainland; and the ever repeated report of purchasers is that the machines more than meet expectations and give perfect satisfaction. Flattering as may be the appreciation of the Raymond Sewing Machines by the people of British Columbia it is but a faint echo of the reputation in which the Raymond is held throughout the globe. Readers of foreign newspapers can testify to this statement; and official returns show the Raymond to rank foremost in the lists of exports. A machine which meets with universal endorsement must be good. Try it. For sale by A.B. GRAY & Co., Victoria, B. C.

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WM. HAYNES, Bandmaster Militia, will give instruction in the theory of harmony at schools or residences. Processions, balls, private parties, &c., &c., furnished. Orders left at M. R. Smith's, Victoria Bakery, Fort street, will receive prompt attention.

MR. REDFERN'S USEFUL CLOCK faithfully sounds the warning *tempus fugit!* We claim to be more considerate than our esteemed neighbor, who hourly reminds us of this solemn fact, because we only annually remind our friends of the arrival of our usual assortment of *Pocket and Office Diaries*—1877. T. N. HIBBEN & Co. 2m.

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THE California will leave San Francisco for Portland and the North on the 14th. Will leave Portland for Victoria on the 19th, and Victoria for Wrangel and Sitka on the 23rd inst.

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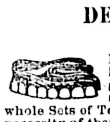
DENTAL NOTICE.



DR. BARNARD RESPECTFULLY informs those patrons who have engaged or contemplate securing his services for the insertion of partial or whole Sets of Teeth, (also, filling or other work) the necessity of their applying to him IMMEDIATELY, as he intends going East early in the Spring.

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Notices.

Notice to Claimants of Land.

LILLOOET DISTRICT.

TOWNSHIPS Nos, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the "Land Act, 1875," that the following lands situated in the District of Lillooet have been sub-divided by survey, and the Map thereof has been deposited in the office of M. O'Connor, Esq., Clinton.

Township, No. 1.

	Section.
N. half	25
N. half	26
N.E. F. quarter	32
S.E. F. quarter	32
N. W. F. quarter	32
S. half	33
S. half	34
S. half	35
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Township No. 2.

S. half	1
S. half	2
E. half	5
N.W. F. quarter	5
S.W. F. quarter	5
N W. F quarter	7
N.E. F. quarter	7
S.E. F. quarter	7
N.W. quarter	8
S.W. F. quarter	8
W. half of E. half	8
W. half of S. W. quarter	17
E. half	18
N.W. F. quarter	18
S.W. F. quarter	18
S. half of S. half	19

Township No. 3.

S. half	7
S. half	8
N. half of S. half of S half	9
S. half of N. half of S. half	9
N. 30 chains of S. half	10
S. 30 chains of N. half	10
N. 30 chains of S.W. quarter	11
S. 30 chains of N.W. quarter	11

Township No. 4.

W. half	6
S. W. quarter	7
N. half	7
N. half	
S.W. quarter of S. E. quarter	15
S.E. quarter of S. W. quarter	15
N.W. quarter of S.W. quarter	15
N.E. quarter	16
N.W. F. quarter	16
S. F. half of N.E. quarter	17
S. half	17

Township No. 6.

N.E. F. quarter	13
S.F. half of S. F. half	24

Township, No. 7.

N.E. F. quarter	11
S.E. F. quarter	11
	12
W. half of F. half	13
W. F. half	13
W. half of S.E. quarter	24
E. F. half of S.W. quarter	24

And that claimants of any portion of this land who have not obtained Crown Grants thereof should prove up their claims in accordance with Clause 21, "Land Act, 1875."

Forms of proof and declaration can be obtained at the office of the Land Commissioner, Clinton.

F. GEO. VERNON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

Lands and Works Dept.,
Victoria, Feb. 3rd, 1877. fe6

NOTICE

IS hereby given, that the following parcels of land situated in the Osoyoos Division of the Yale District were reserved for the use of the Indians in 1871, viz:—

A piece of land situate near the head of Osoyoos Lake (its western boundary) and taking both sides of a tributary of that lake known as "Os com-eith" or Little Creek; thence running in an easterly direction through a narrow valley for about 2½ miles to a small lake.

A tract of land embracing the land on both sides of the Ashnolan River, a tributary of the Similkameen River, and terminating on the East side at a bluff close to the bank of the latter River, and upon the West by a small creek running into Similkameen River.

A piece of land situated at the Eighteen mile creek from Keremeos on the Hope trail, and extending to another creek about three miles distant in an easterly direction on the said trail

F. GEO VERNON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.

Lands & Works Department,
Victoria, Feb. 3rd, 1877. fe4

Township No. 23.

NEW WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with the provisions of the "Land Act, 1875," that the following subdivision of land in Township No. 23 is reserved for Government purposes:—

Lot 245, Group 2.

F. GEO. VERNON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.

Lands & Works Departm't.,
Victoria, Feb 17th, 18 7. fe18

NOTICE.

KAMLOOPS DIVISION OF YALE DISTRICT.

PUBLIC HIGHWAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the following highway, sixty six feet (66) in width, is hereby established in the Kamloops Division of Yale District, viz:—

Commencing at a point in the existing road opposite Fortune's flour mill, situated on the North West quarter of section 15, Township No. 201; thence in a Westerly direction following the centre line of the present road, 1059 links more or less, to a point in the section line between sections 15 and 16, and distant 1250 links due South from the corner between Sections 15, 16, 21 and 22; thence

S. 64 deg 30 min. W. magnetic 1000 links,
S. 13 deg. 00 min. W. " 840 links.
S 53 deg. 00 min. W. " 470 links,

to the shore of Kamloops Lake, including thirty-three (33) feet on each side thereof.

P. GEO. VERNON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.

Lands & Works Department,
Victoria, Feb. 17th, 1877. fe18

NOTICE to CLAIMANTS of LAND.

LILLOOET DISTRICT.

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the "Land Act, 1875," that the following lands situate in the District of Lillooet, have been subdivided by survey, and a map thereof has been deposited in the office of M. O'Connor, Esq., Clinton:—

Township No. 8.

	Section.
S. E. Fractional Quarter	1
N. E. "	1
N.W. "	1
N. E. "	2
S. E. "	11
N. E. "	11
S. W. Quarter	12
S. E. Quarter	12
W. Half of N.W. Quarter	12
W. 28 chains of E Ha f	14
S.W. Fractional Quarter	14
N.W. "	14
N. E. "	15
W.W. "	22
N. E. "	22
S. E. "	22
W. Fraction 24 chains W. Half	23
W. 14 chains of E. Half	27
N. W. Quarter	27
S.W. Fractional Quarter	27
N. E. "	28
S. E. "	28
N. E. "	33
S. E. "	33
N.W. "	33
S. W. "	33

And that claimants of any portion of this land who have not obtained Crown Grants thereof should prove up their claims in accordance with Clause 21 "Land Act, 1875."

Forms of proof and declaration can be obtained at the Office of the Land Commissioner, Clinton.

F. GEO. VERNON,
Chief Commissioner of Lands & Works.

Lands and Works Department;
Victoria, 17th Feb., 1877. fe18

NOTICE.

A COUNTY COURT WILL BE HELD AT the Court House, Cowichan District, as defined in the Schedule to the "Constitution Act, 1871," on Wednesday, the 28th March next, at 11 o'clock a m.

Plaints can be entered with John Morley, Esquire, who has been appointed a Clerk of the Court, under the "County Court Ordinance, 1867."

Dated 25th day of Jan., 1877.

A. F. PEMBERTON,
ja26 County Court Judge.

Appointments.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
February 17th, 1877.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to appoint A. ROCKE ROBERTSON, Esq., Q.C., to be a member of the Board of Education for the Province of British Columbia, vice H. WILLIAMS, Esq., resigned. fe18

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Victoria, B.C., Feb. 7, 1877.

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Notices.

NOTICE.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
February 17th, 1877.

NOTICE is hereby given, that under and by virtue of the authority of the "Registration of Births, Deaths and Marriages Act, 1872," District No. 4 under the said Act is hereby varied by taking therefrom that portion known as the Polling Division of Kamloops in the Electoral District of Yale; and the said Polling Division of Kamloops is hereby created a District under the said Act, by the title of "District No. 11."

By Command.
A. C. ELLIOTT,
fe18 Provincial Secretary.

DISSOLUTION.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 27, 1877.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between E. F. RILEY and JOHN F. SMITH as road-side house keepers on the Cassiar Trail, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business at the 23-Mile House, Cassiar Trail, will be carried on by J. F. SMITH, and the business at Knee Camp by E. F. RILEY.

(Signed) JOHN F. SMITH,
ja28dw1m E. F. RILEY.

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NOTICE.

In the matter of the Estates and Effects of CHARLES PATRICK DONNELLY, JOHN MCCORMICK, and OLIVER HARE, deceased Intestates.

ALL PERSONS who are indebted to the above Estates are required to pay the amounts due forthwith, and all persons having claims against the said Estates are requested to send in their accounts, duly proved, on or before the 27th April, 1877, to

CHAS. E. POOLEY,
Official Administrator.

Victoria, Jan. 27th, 1877. ja28

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE
January 11th, 1877.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

THOMAS ELWYN Esq., to act as deputy Provincial Secretary during the absence on leave of C. Good, Esq.

THOMAS, ELWYN, Esq., to be Deputy Medical Registrar, during the absence on leave of C. GOOD, Esq. ja14

PRIVATE BILLS.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, VICTORIA,
30th January, 1877.

THE TIME FOR RECEIVING PETITIONS for Private Bills in the next Session of the Legislative Assembly will expire on the 13th day of March, 1877.

J. ROLAND HETT,
ja21 Clerk of the Legislative Assembly.

Appointments.

PROVINCIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
January 27th, 1877.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Lieutenant-Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments:—

JOHN USSHER, Esq., to be Government Agent at Kamloops.

JOHN USSHER, Esq., to be Registrar under and to carry out the "Marriage Ordinance, 1867," and the "Marriage Ordinance Amendment Act, 1872."

JOHN USSHER, Esq., to be District Registrar of Births, Deaths and Marriages, for the Polling Division of Kamloops.

JOHN USSHER, Esq., to receive applications for Registration and Record, under the provisions of the "Land Registry Act, 1870," the "Land Registry Amendment Act, 1873," and to perform the duties heretofore allotted to the Stipendiary Magistrates under the "Bills of Sale Ordinance, 1870," the "Bills of Sale Amendment Act, 1873," and the "Cattle Exemption Act, 1871," in and for the Polling Division of Kamloops. ja28

North Western Commercial Company.

ALL PARTIES HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST the above Company are requested to render statements of the same to the undersigned, by whom they will be paid if found correct.

ENGELHARDT & CO.

Victoria, Jan. 26th, 1877. ja26dw2w

NOTICE

IS hereby given that application will be made at the ensuing session of the Legislative Assembly for a Private Bill for the relief of Andrew Astrico.

VICTORIA, 27th January, 1877. ja28

Notice.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO MY LATE husband THOMAS HALL are requested to make settlement forthwith of their accounts with **Mr. H. F. Heisterman, of Langley street,** who is authorized by me to receipt for the same.

Any accounts remaining unpaid after the 15th of February next will be placed in my solicitor's hands.

MARGARET HALL, Executrix.

Victoria, B.C., Jan. 11, 1877. ja12

NOTICE.

ALL CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE of the late WILLIAM JOHNSTON, deceased, are to be sent to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of February next; and all persons indebted to the said estate are requested to make immediate payment to W. J. JEFFREE,

ja17 Executor of William Johnston.

MR. HELLMCKEN

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Do. via Tacoma	Monday and Thursday 3 P.M	Tuesday at 9.30 A.M. and Thursday at 6 P.M.
Australia, New Zealand, Sandwich Islands and Fiji Islands.	Irregular dates of arrival...	In time to connect with mail steamer leaving San Francisco every 4th Saturday from Ap'l 24.
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New Westminster & Burrard Inlet.	Wednesday and Saturday at 3 P.M.	Monday and Thursday at 6 P.M.
Barkerville, and Intermediate offices.	Wednesday 3 P.M.	Monday at 6 P.M.
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Comox and intermediate offices.	Every alternate Friday at 5 P.M.	Every alternate Monday at 6 P.M.
Esquimalt	Daily at 10:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M.	Daily, at 11 A.M. and 4 P.M.
Metchosin	Monday, 1 P.M.	Tuesday, 12 Noon.
Saanich	Thursday, 10 A.M.	Wednesday, 9 A.M.
Sooke	Monday, 3 P.M.	Tuesday, 9 A.M.

Letters for Registration must be posted half an hour before closing of each mail.

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